

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1905.

MARITIME MEN TALK OF UNION CONFERENCE

Greatly Pleas'd With Progress of Committee in Toronto Meeting.

SEE HOPEFUL FUTURE

Impressions Formed by the Meeting on the Minds of Dr. Allison, Dr. Steel, Dr. Paisley, and Sup't. Inch.

The Presbyterian Witness of Dec. 31, gives the following interviews in union with maritime province members of the committee on their return home from the Toronto meeting:

Dr. Allison, president of the Mount Allison University, said: "The spirit of unity prevailing in the conference, was delightful. Members of the three denominations could not be distinguished except when one or other of the representatives was stating the peculiarities of his own church. I was impressed with the fact that the differences were not so many or so great as we have often been led to suppose. I am impressed with the conciliatory attitude shown on all sides—no sign of grasping or self seeking. The meetings and the conclusions reached convince me that though the problems involved are complicated yet solved they will be, and we shall have in Canada one of the greatest churches in Christendom, combining all the best elements of the three negotiating churches, plus the inspiration which shall surely come from the presence and guidance of God in connection with the wondrous new birth of a church that shall grapple with the necessities and destinies of our beloved Canada."

Rev. Dr. Steel, minister of the Methodist church at Sackville (N. B.) said:

"The spirit of the conference from beginning to end was most brotherly. The utmost frankness regarding doctrine and polity prevailed. Whatever the outcome as to organic union the bringing together of men from all parts of the dominion representing the three churches, joining in the same devotion, will greatly further the interests of the Kingdom of Christ and bring the churches into still closer accord. The members of the committee return full of gratitude and hope. Who up to the opening of the conference were opposed to organic union, declared towards its close their willingness to wait the leadings of the Holy Spirit."

Superintendent Inch.

Dr. J. R. Inch, superintendent of education, New Brunswick, said: "The responsibility felt by each delegate to reach a sound judgment on the main question under discussion in view of the important issues involved was, at times, almost oppressive. The prevailing sentiment was one of profound anxiety to know the mind of Christ and to follow the leadings of the Divine Spirit. What made the deepest impression on my mind was the willingness almost universally manifested to make concessions in regard to matters of polity and formulae of doctrine hitherto held sacrosanct by the several churches. As the discussions proceeded the spirit of unity increased, and when at length the committee met separately to consider the expediency of taking further action, all seemed to hear the voice of God saying, as He said to His people of old: 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.'"

Rev. Dr. Paisley.

Rev. Charles H. Paisley, D. D., professor of theology, Mount Allison (N. B.), in the conference on union held last week, in Toronto, by the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches was, in some respects, the most important conference that has ever assembled in Canada. That these three denominations, so diverse in their doctrinal standards, their polity and their historical origin, should have even contemplated, union must surely be ascribed to the prompting and guiding of Divine Providence. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that when the committee appointed by the respective denominations met, great harmony prevailed, and that it increased as the discussions went on. We have no doubt, therefore, that God will bless the union; and that just as, at the time of the reformation, at the time of the Puritan movement in England and at the time of Wesley, God was leading the way. It only remains for us to follow as He leads, and the union shall in due time be consummated."

St. John Man Who is Charged With Murder.

John Alonzo Ricker, who is charged with killing his wife in Charlottown (Mass.), is a native of St. John. His mother, his two sisters and a half-brother are at present living in the city. A brother, Charles F. Ricker, died here some six months ago. His mother is Mrs. James Sproule, and lives at 234 City Road. Ricker is 30 years of age and is a son of the late John P. Ricker, who for some time conducted a carriage building business on Brasenale street. Eleven years ago he married Miss Helen Strain, the woman he is charged with killing. Mrs. Sproule is greatly affected by the terrible position of her son. She speaks of him as a man of many fine qualities and feels to his credit a great many money remittances sent her by him. Just before Christmas she received a letter with \$10 from him.

The St. John Fire Record.

Chief Kerr's report shows that there were 137 alarms of fire given in the year which closed Saturday. Among the more serious fires were those which destroyed a group of houses in Mill street, the Church of the Assumption, Carleton, the Maritime Nails Works, Riley & Co.'s grist mill, buildings owned by S. A. Fowler and others, the J. & A. McKillop fire, that in the Geo. E. Fairweather building, Prince William and Water streets, Shor's stable, and that which occurred in Seavel street Friday.

The St. Andrews Beacon says: The Algonquin Hotel next season will be under the management of H. H. Houston, who has been resident manager there for Harvey & Wood, and that it will be operated next season by the C. P. R.

SMUGGLING-GAME AN EXTENSIVE BUSINESS

A Lot of It Goes on from the Province of Quebec

DEER AND PARTRIDGE

Customs Officers on the Trail—The Smuggled Game Haddled by Express-Believed Big Hotels Finally Secure the Game.

In connection with an article in next week's Telegraph dealing with the seizure of a case of game shipped from Calais to Boston, it has been learned that Officer Gandy, of the special service branch of the Dominion Customs, recently seized four barrels of partridges, which were being exported from Quebec province to the United States. The goods were stopped in transit.

For some time back the customs department has been following the exports of prohibited game, which led to an investigation into the channels through which these prohibited articles were going. In the course of the inquiry it was found that the National Express Company had been carrying a large quantity of such goods without being cognizant, so far as yet known, as to their true character. However, the matter has not been proved conclusively as yet. The shipments were made from Montreal via the Delawere & Hudson Railway, through Rouse's Point, to their destination on the other side. The game was generally billed as human necessities and represented and represented monetary returns to the Quebec woodsman whose gun brought down the game, as well as a respectable profit to whoever has been selling the Canadian game across the border.

It is more than probable that the government may require of the express company handling the goods a guarantee that the name of consignees or consignors may be available as all express companies are operating under heavy bonds.

This game business is a big one. The juicy venison and the sweet partridge have, in many cases referred to, ultimately reached the tables of some of the big American hotels and represented fair monetary returns to the Quebec woodsman whose gun brought down the game, as well as a respectable profit to whoever has been selling the Canadian game across the border.

HIGH SCHOOL RE-UNION

Class of 1904 Have Dinner at White's—Some Requirements of the School Suggested.

The reunion of the class of 1904, St. John High School, was held in White's restaurant last evening. A large number of graduates and guests partook of a course dinner, served by Mr. White. The reunion was presided over by Mr. Stanley Smith, and the programme consisted of the reading of a letter from Mr. Stanley Smith, and the presentation of a memento to the graduates, as well as a respectable profit to whoever has been selling the Canadian game across the border.

Mr. Stanley Smith, president of the reunion, proposed the High School, and that be recommended by Dr. Bridges, Mr. Miles and Mr. Brody.

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On motion of Mr. McKim, seconded by Roy Smith, it was decided to have another reunion in December, 1905.

During the evening address were sung by Stanley Bridges, Miss Helen Kenney, a duet was rendered by Misses Georgie Collins and Phyllis Nies; also solos were given by Stanley Smith and Miss Helen Kenney; Wm. Harrison gave a recitation as a student, which was given by Harry Bagley.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Stanley Bridges, president; Miss Hannah, vice-president; Miss H. McMurtry, second vice-president; Harry Bennett, secretary; Miss M. Dunham, treasurer.

The happy reunion of 1904 was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

SUSSEX BLAZE FROM LAMP EXPLOSION

Sample Room of C. A. Murray Damaged \$200—Other Items of Interest.

Sussex, Dec. 30.—Last evening the fire department was called out about 9:30 to a blaze in the sample room of J. A. Murray, Church avenue. C. A. Murray (commercial traveller) was in the sample room at the time, preparing his new line of samples to go out on the road this morning. Just before leaving he started to pick up an oil lamp to blow it out, and the lamp exploded, setting fire to his clothes and the samples. In his excitement to put the fire out he did not notice his own clothes were on fire until his overcoat was nearly burned off him. With the aid of the fire department the damage was soon extinguished. About \$200 worth of samples were damaged. E. A. McLeod entertained a few of his friends last evening at duplicate whist.

A. B. Brown, principal of the grammar school, is spending his Christmas holidays at Summerside (P. E. I.).

ST. JOHN WOMEN PASS CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The following passed the civil service examination last November:—

At St. John (N. B.)—Bertha H. Bell, Jessie M. Hayes. At Halifax—Beatrice M. Dickie, Zillah G. MacDonald, Linda L. Moorman. At Charlottown—John Byrne, Herbert A. McKenzie, Gregory Trainor. At St. John's—Zillah G. MacDonald, stenography and typewriting. At St. John—Jessie M. Hayes, stenography.

RICKER DIDN'T BELONG TO YORK COUNTY

It is Now Said Charlottown Wife Murderer Formerly Lived Here—News of Fredericton.

Fredericton, Dec. 30.—S. Dow Simmons won the Dover patent battles in the competition at the curling rink last evening. The play was at points, 40 being the winning score. Dr. J. W. Bridges was second, with 30.

Many stories are afloat here about the identity of John Ricker, who murdered his wife at Charlottown (Mass.). The family of that name at Lower St. Marys deny the relation, and one man says he remembers a party of that name who worked as a teamster in St. John some fifteen years ago. It is said that a family named Ricker lived on King street and one of the boys was named John. He was half-wild, but his age and that given of the wife murderer do not correspond.

The executive of Agricultural Society No. 34 met yesterday afternoon. A committee was appointed to wait upon the city council, county council and provincial government to obtain grants. The exhibition to be held in September will be open to all the maritime provinces. It is hoped to get a grant from York county council to get on the prize list in competitions open to York county only.

George B. Currie, a well known resident of St. Mary's, died last night, aged 78 years.

Miss H. Sanderson has disposed of this property on Brunswick street to Dell Gueter. The purchase price is in the vicinity of \$3,500. Mr. Sanderson spent last summer in Calgary, and is returning there with his family in the spring.

Dell Gueter has purchased from Mrs. A. H. Sanderson the property on Brunswick street for \$3,500.

HEAD OF MANUAL TRAINING WORK IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Here is a picture of T. B. Kidner, head of the manual training work in New Brunswick, an article from whose pen, treating of the object and advancement of the class of educational work was printed last week. Mr. Kidner is succeeding well along the lines he has laid down.

T. B. KIDNER

Successful Blisville Concert.

Blisville, Sunbury county, Dec. 29.—Successful concert, Myrtle Harris, was held in the hall last evening by the Baptist Sunday school scholars. The programme, which was much appreciated by the audience, was as follows: Chorus, in a Manger Laid So Lowly. Address and prayer, by Pastor Rev. G. W. Foster. Recitation, Oh, Tell the Christmas Story. Dialogue, Marring For Moses. Recitation, 'Tis Fore Christmas, by Harry Holmes. Recitation, Just a Little Pansy, by Misses Viola Hoy and Beatrice Webb. Dialogue, Christmas Morning, by Vera Webb. Exercise, The Light of the World, by five girls. Duet, Christmas in the Old World, by Viola Hoy and Beatrice Webb. Recitation, When Daddy Lights the Tree, by Frank McKeen. Dialogue, The Beautiful Lore. Recitation, After Christmas, by Beatrice Webb. Reading from Dickens, by Jennie Smith. Solo, Ring Out the Bells, by Miss Beatrice Webb. Recitation, The Old Man and Jim, by S. Bertram Smith. Recitation, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, by John Smith. Duet, I Will Lift Mine Eyes, by Misses Viola Hoy and Beatrice Webb. Recitation, The Convict's Soliloquy, the Night Before Execution, by Stanley K. Smith. Tableau, Clearing Up. Recitation, Take Up the Collection, by Willie Foster. Chorus, Dear Little Stranger. After the programme was rendered, Santa Claus appeared and each child received a present. Although the weather was unfavorable, a large audience was present.

Calais Shoe Store Burned.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 30.—The Globe shoe store in Calais was burned last night about midnight. The cause of the fire is unknown. The stock, which belonged to Marchie & Lowe, is a total loss, and the building, owned by Captain McAllister, of St. Stephen, is considerably damaged.

A Charlottown Fire.

Charlottown, Dec. 30.—An hour's fire in the railway car above this morning riddled the roof almost the whole length of the building, and destroyed a quantity of lumber stored inside.

Advertisement for Morton's Table Salt, featuring the Morton's Salt logo and the text 'The Perfect Table Salt.'

BLAIR EXPLAINS HIS NEW POSITION

Tells Why He Accepted Offer of Toronto Roller Bearing Company

OFFER MADE MONTHS AGO

Couldn't Accept Then as He Was in Government Employ—Impressed With Value of New Invention He Has Now Accepted to Request Made.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair confirms the statement given-out by the Toronto Roller Bearing Company that he has accepted an engagement as their chief engineer, and will accept of directorship of the work of the company in other countries outside of Canada.

"I am," said Mr. Blair, "to act as their legal counsel, and will accept of directorship of the work of the company in other countries outside of Canada."

"What is the precise nature of the Toronto Company's undertaking?" "It is not a manufacturing company, the manufacturing of Henderson bearings is carried on in Canada by a distinct local company, and if the present company succeeds in having its inventions taken up by any other countries, the manufacturing will be carried on in those countries also by local organizations. The company whose engineer I have accepted of the world patents, and its object is to stimulate and encourage the establishment of local organizations to that of the Henderson Bearing Company of Canada."

"Would you mind stating when you first had knowledge of the Henderson invention?" "When I was minister of railways I saw the bearings on exhibition in Ottawa; they seemed to me to be capable of economizing power by largely reducing friction. I thought there should be promising feature of these bearings when applied in the operation of railways. Not having any mechanical knowledge or skill myself, I sought expert opinion. This being very favorable, it was my intention if I had remained in the railway department to have an intercolonial train fitted with the bearings, so as to make a practical test of the invention."

"I had no stock or other pecuniary interest in the company then, but I felt that there would be an enormous advantage accruing to the intercolonial railway if, as the inventor claimed, there would be a saving of over 35 per cent to 45 per cent in power, and a reduction of at least 60 to 70 per cent in oil consumption. The mechanical experts with whom I discussed the matter were of opinion also that delay of trains owing to hot boxes, which are so common with the ordinary bearings, would probably be largely if not entirely overcome."

"Some months after I retired from the government, but at least two months before becoming chief of the railway commission, overtures were made to me, and I was engaged to accept a standing invitation by the Toronto company to act for them, as I have now agreed to do."

"I felt, however, that having in so large a measure been connected with the creation of the railway commission, I should stay with it until it had had a fair trial, and therefore the company's proposals were not then entertained. Later, and when the commission, these proposals were renewed and strongly pressed upon me. I gave the parties to understand that I had reasons for thinking my connection with the board would not continue very long, whereupon I was asked to regard the offers made to me as remaining open for acceptance if I should at an early day withdraw from the government service."

"Do you expect to remove from Ottawa?" "My present expectation is that I may be able to remain in Ottawa and look forward later to taking up law practice here, especially in the line of railway commission, corporation and parliamentary work."

SAYS BISHOP TALBOT USED INTIMIDATION

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Herbert Noble, of New York, one of the leading figures in the controversy between Bishop Talbot and Dr. W. G. Phillips, has had a secret conference here today on the case, said tonight (Wednesday) of the New York Times. The Huntington signers to repudiate the presentment against the bishop.

"The statement of Bishop Talbot," said Dr. Noble, "is that he had an agent at work and we know who this agent is. We have had an early day statement and disclosure all the facts to the public."

Weddings.

Gibbons-Hunter. Harvey Station, Dec. 29.—The marriage took place yesterday afternoon of Miss Emily J. Hunter, of this place, to Harold Gibbons, of New York, formerly of Baywater, Kings county. The ceremony was performed at the manse by Rev. J. A. McLean, the bride and groom being unattended. After receiving the congratulations of a large number of friends, the happy pair left on the evening train for their future home in New York amid showers of rice and the good wishes of all.

Miss Hunter, who is a native of Upper Kingsclear, has taught school here for five years and resided with her brothers at the Station. She was deservedly popular and will be much missed in the school and in social circles.

St. John Girl Married in Presque Isle

Presque Isle, Me., Jan. 2.—The wedding of Philip Dewitt Phair, of Washington, and Miss Bertha McIntyre, formerly of St. John, took place today at noon in St. John's Episcopal church here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Manzer. Mr. Phair, who is a native of Presque Isle, is assistant librarian in the congressional library at Washington. He is a nephew of Hon. C. H. Phair, collector of customs for Aroostook, and son of Postmaster J. H. Phair, of this place.

Advertisement for Men's Suits, featuring 'New Styles, New Colors, New Designs' and 'Well Tailored Garments for Men of Every Walk in Life'. Includes a list of suit prices and descriptions.

Advertisement for DOWLING BROS., 95-101 King Street, St. John, N. B. Features 'Stylish Coats for Ladies, Maids and Children' and 'Ladies' Black Cheviot Cloth Jackets'.

Advertisement for Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE, describing it as 'THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE' for treating various ailments like Colds, Coughs, Asthma, and Bronchitis.

Advertisement for 'I Know What I Want' featuring an Ingersoll Dollar Watch, highlighting its accuracy and durability.

Advertisement for Massachusetts Judge Dead, mentioning Brookline, Mass., Jan. 2—Chief Justice Albert Mason, of the Massachusetts superior court, died early this morning.